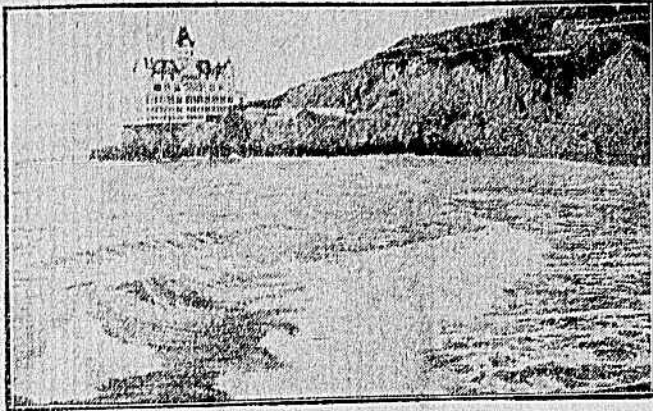


FLAMES, STILL RAGING, WIPE OUT LAST VESTIGES OF GREAT CITY



CLIFF HOUSE.

This famous pleasure resort plunged into the sea, leaving only a trace of where it once stood.

WHOLE OF THE QUEENLY CITY NOW IN WRECK AND RUIN

Business Section Wiped Out Entirely, and
Only a Few Residences Left Here and
There—Starvation Is Threatened.

AN EXAMINER EDITOR'S STORY

The Times-Dispatch prints the first complete story of San Francisco's appalling tragedy from J. P. Barrett, news editor of the San Francisco Examiner.

OAKLAND, CAL., April 19.—San Francisco is virtually obliterated. Those not acquainted with the city cannot comprehend the desolating extent of the conflagration's ravages.

Were a fire to start at the Battery, sweep up Broadway, burning everything on Manhattan Island, on either side of the Bronx, leaving only Morningside Heights and a patch of residences here and there—that would be a disaster to New York comparable to the calamity which has wiped out San Francisco. In a word, the city has disappeared, and only its smoking site remains.

General Funston has now given up all hope of saving the city. The fire marshal has reported that more than two-thirds of the area of the city has been destroyed, and there is no possibility of saving the rest of the city.

THE REGION DEVASTATED.

The following is the region north of Market Street now devastated: To California, to Hyde, to Edly, to Larkin, to Gough and back to Market. On the south side of Market Street the fire extends along Market Street to Fourteenth Street, and below the Southern Pacific tracks to the boundary.

Sergeant Binkley, U. S. A., detailed to make a report of the progress of the fire, announced the same condition.

REPORT OF THE FIRE CHIEF.

Sergeant Binkley's report, made to headquarters, is as follows: "Everything out Market Street to about Twenty-third Street is burning fiercely. Everything is gone except the mint. The post-office was injured only by the earthquake. Only three or four rooms there are damaged.

"Every building of any importance in the city up to Van Ness Avenue, including the entire business section and all the hotels, has been entirely destroyed, and the district running north from Golden Gate Avenue and lying between Van Ness Avenue and Octavia Street, also has been burned.

"Chinatown is gone. The fire is raging on Nob Hill. I hear that parts of Nob Hill are entirely wiped out. The fire has crossed Van Ness Avenue, east of Union Street, and everything in that district is gone. The business section is a mass of smoking ruins. Certain parts of Nob Hill are still untouched, though very seriously threatened.

PROSPECT OF CONTINUING.

"The fire is raging around Union and Franklin Streets, with every prospect of continuing. It now looks as if the entire city will be burned. A section bounded by Union and Octavia Streets and Golden Gate Avenue, and another lying between Market, Hayes and Fillmore Streets, are about all that is left of the city north of Market Street.

"There is a section in the Mission District, south of Market Street, which has not yet been burned. The prospects are, however, that it will go, because nothing can stop the flames until they reach the straggling outskirts of the city."

STARVATION IS THREATENED.

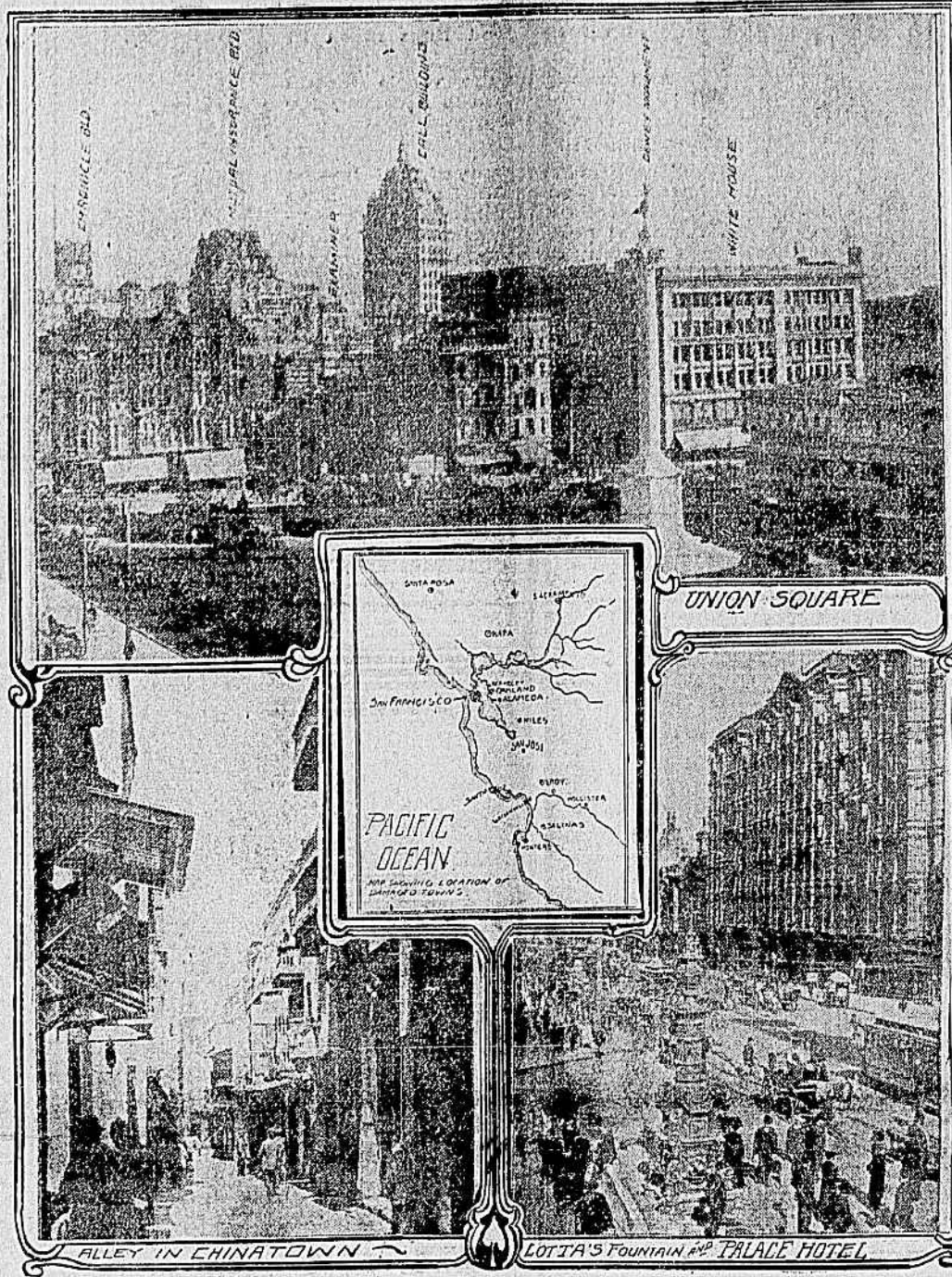
Starvation to-day threatened to complete San Francisco's sinister trinity of affliction. After two days and a night of terror such as no American city ever before has known, 100,000 persons who have survived the shocks of the earthquake and the fire, which has burned for thirty-six hours, are now homeless, without food and deprived of water. More than 200,000 others have been forced to seek shelter in Oakland and the sections of San Francisco still free from the flames.

But the terror that has accompanied the destruction of the residence and business districts of the city is dwarfed by the famine that the half million people of San Francisco must face within a day or so. Although but thirty hours have passed since the fire broke out, bread is being sold for seventy-five cents a loaf, and ordinary soda crackers are bringing ten cents apiece. Canned goods that could be purchased for ten and fifteen cents yesterday morning now bring \$1.50 and \$2.00.

Appeals for food are being sent broadcast, and unless these are promptly responded to the horrors of starvation will overshadow the destruction by the flames. The people of the district south of Market Street are, as a class, comparatively poor. More than twenty thousands of these are to-day dependent for food on the remainder of the population, which already is living on short rations. All day the people of the doomed city have been fleeing by thousands from the fire.

They are flocking to the ferries, to the parks, to the military

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SCENES IN SAN FRANCISCO.

RICHMOND WILL LEND HER HELP

Mayor McCarthy Sends a Sympathetic Message to the Mayor of San Francisco.

BOARD OF ALDERMEN TO ACT

The people of Richmond are always responsive to those who have suffered from the heavy hand of affliction, and are, through their officers, measuring up in the San Francisco emergency.

The Board of Aldermen has been called to meet for action Monday night, at the instance of the following members: Messrs. Gunst, Dalney, Minor, Burton, Reynolds and Geo. J. Seay. If the board acts favorably, which is now practically an assured fact, President Peters, of the lower branch, will call his body together at once for concurrence.

Mayor McCarthy has received the following telegram from Wm. Randolph Hearst:

New York, April 18, 1906.
Hon. Carlton McCarthy,
Richmond, Va.;

San Francisco in dire need of immediate assistance. Citizens have asked me as a native Californian to aid in work of relief. Have started funds in this city and in all cities where I have representatives and correspondents. Clarence H. Mackey gives me five thousand dollars. George J. Gould, five thousand; Charles H. Schwab, five thousand; Mrs. Huntington, five thousand; Mrs. P. A. Hearst five thousand dollars. Am sending to-night from Los Angeles relief train and relief steamer, nurses, doctors and supplies. I pray that your citizens may realize the terrible distress of San Francisco's citizens and that they will help us at once to the extent of their ability.

(Signed)
WILLIAM RANDOLPH HEARST.

Telegram from Mayor.

His Honor has sent the following to Mayor Schultz:
Richmond, Va., April 19, 1906.
Hon. Eugene B. Smith,
San Francisco, Cal.;

The people of Richmond, Virginia, are alive to your distress and are moving for your relief.

CARLTON MCCARTHY,
Mayor.

Mr. Wallace Here.

Hon. E. P. Wallace, member of the House from Lunenburg, was in the city last night on private business.

PROF. M. CURIE KILLED BY WAGON

Discoverer of Radium Meets Death Under Wheels of Vehicle in Paris.

RESUME OF HIS LIFE'S WORK

(By Associated Press.)
PARIS, April 19.—Professor Curie, the discoverer of radium, was run over and killed by a wagon on the Place Dauphine to-day.

"The violent and tragic death of M. Curie ends the life of one of the most noted scientists of recent years. M. Curie was born in 1859, and after he had finished his preparatory studies he immediately began scientific researches on his own account. His personal labors were begun in 1878, when he was twenty. He remained chief de travaux until 1905, when he was made professor of physics. But the man who had begun to make original scientific researches while he was but a simple preparator at the Sorbonne lost none of his ability. In 1895 M. Curie was made professor of physics and chemistry, the epoch of his life's work.

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THE WEATHER

Forecast: Virginia and North Carolina—Fair Friday and Saturday; variable winds.

Conditions Yesterday.

Richmond weather was clear and warm. Range of thermometer:
9 A. M. 70
12 M. 80
3 P. M. 82
Average 77

Highest temperature 82
Lowest temperature yesterday 64
Mean temperature yesterday 74
Normal temperature for April 64
Departure from normal temperature 10

Conditions in Important Cities.

(At 8 P. M., Eastern Time.)
Place. Ther. High. T. Weather.
Asheville, N. C. 75 Clear
Augusta, Ga. 70 Clear
Atlanta, Ga. 74 Clear
Charlotte, N. C. 75 Clear
Charleston, S. C. 70 Clear
Hatteras, N. C. 62 Rain
Jacksonville, Fla. 72 Rain
Key West, Fla. 74 Rain
Mobile, Ala. 80 P. cloudy
Pittsburg, Pa. 78 P. cloudy
Raleigh, N. C. 72 Clear
Savannah, Ga. 74 Clear
Tampa, Fla. 80 Clear
Washington 70 Clear
Wilmington 61 Clear

GREAT BAKERY FOR RICHMOND

Company With Capital of \$150,000 Chartered to Do Business Here.

AMERICAN BREAD COMPANY

Richmond will have in operation by the early fall one of the largest bakeries in the country and certainly the most up-to-date and extensive plant in the South. The concern will be known as the American Bread Company, makers of "A. B. C. the Ideal Bread," and will have a capital of \$150,000 subscribed by Richmond and Baltimore capitalists.

The officers for the first year will be: President, M. J. Fitzsimmons, of Baltimore; Vice-President, Fritz Sitterling, of Richmond; Secretary, Kirkwood Mitchell, of Richmond; Treasurer, T. C. R. Jenifer, of Baltimore.

Directors.

Fritz Sitterling, B. R. Dudley, W. C. Davis and Kirkwood Mitchell, of Richmond, and T. C. R. Jenifer, and M. J. Fitzsimmons, of Baltimore.

The company will carry on a wholesale manufacture of bread, cakes, pies and crackers, doing business in the local market and throughout the Southern States.

Employ 200 Men.

There will be employed between 150 and 200 men, including a large number of bakers. The plant will be equipped with the most modern machinery obtainable and not a bit of the dough for any of the products will be touched by hand from the time the flour enters the grinding troughs to the time the large loaves are taken out ready for sending to the customers. A particular feature of the establishment will be the thorough sanitary arrangements of each department.

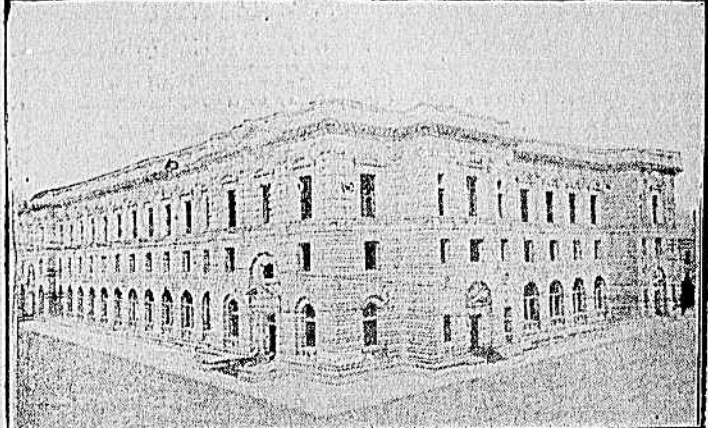
A practical New York manager will have charge of the operating department, but the company will employ as many Richmond bakers and assistants as are obtainable.

Work on Plant at Once.

It is proposed to begin work on the large manufacturing building within two weeks. It will be located on Leigh Street, between St. James and First Street, and will be three stories in height, fronting 110 feet and running back 135 feet.

The entire front of the first floor will be plate glass, so that the machinery, as

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NEW POSTOFFICE BUILDING.

Badly shattered by the earthquake.

EFFORT TO CHECK FIRE WITH DYNAMITE FAILS

Mille of Residences Blown Up But Without Effect and Homes of San Francisco Millionaires Are Doomed.

POLICE CHIEF SAYS DEAD ONLY 250

(By Associated Press.)

SAN FRANCISCO, CAL., April 19.—All efforts to check the spread of the flames at Van Ness Avenue by blowing up a mile of buildings on the east side of Van Ness Avenue proved fruitless. The fire has spread across the broad thoroughfare, and from present indications the entire western addition, which contains the homes of San Francisco's wealthier class, is now doomed. The destruction of the western addition of the city completes the work of the ravaging flames and marks the devastation of the entire city.

Estimates of the dead vary. The chief of police of San Francisco to-day said the casualties in this city would not exceed 250 persons.

(By Associated Press.)

SAN FRANCISCO, CAL., April 19.—San Francisco to-night is the city desolate. It seemed that the acme of its misery was reached at dusk, when flames burst from all sides of the beautiful Hotel Fairmount, the structure that above every other was apparently most strongly entrenched against the attack of the all-consuming fire. And surrounding that lofty pinnacle of flame, as far as the eyes could see, to the south, to the east and far out to the west, lay in cruel, fantastic heaps, charred and smoking, all that remained of a prosperous city. The metropolis of the Pacific Coast was in ashes.

This has been another day of uneven struggle of man against an unconquerable element. Acre after acre has been ground into dust and ashes, despite the heroic perseverance of the firemen to limit the conflagration.

PLANNING RESTORATION.

To-night there is a hope that the worst has been nearly reached, and that when to-morrow dawns the end will have come; but the hope is faint. If the flames can be barred from the western addition, then the end will be written to the great disaster.

San Francisco is not discouraged. Its best and highest class has already begun to plan for restoration and to care for the stricken ones, and the relief will be immediate and effective. Total subscriptions of \$180,000 were announced to-night. Arrangements were made for the immediate relief of the needy. The baking of 50,000 loaves of bread daily will begin to-morrow. Free transportation will be provided by the Southern Pacific Railroad to destitute persons desiring to go to interior points.

Major McKeever was appointed commandant of the camps of the homeless. It was announced that to-morrow there would begin a daily delivery into the city of ten million gallons of water.

To-night, for the first time, direct telegraphic communication was re-established between San Francisco and the outside world, and this message had the honor of being the first to be sent.

ABOUT 250 KILLED.

By the most energetic efforts, in the face of great obstacles, the Postal Telegraph Company succeeded in restoring one of its shattered lines, and its managers are hopeful of bringing back its service to normal conditions in a day or two. The Postal office to-night is in a little wooden structure erected on piles at the water front.

To-night three distinct fires were burning. One was in the territory that extends from Nob Hill easterly towards the water front. It was traveling slowly northerly towards the telegraph hill section, and may die out from lack of material, or may sweep towards the extreme water front. The second center was in the mission district. Here the fire had reached Eighteenth Street, but was making little headway towards the hillsides to the west, where thousands of people are camped.

The third and most dangerous fire is that threatening the western part of the city. This is really a continuation of the Nob Hill fire. It is wedge-shaped, with the apex punching forward. This is the point against which the firemen are bending their greatest efforts. Dynamite was used for back-firing purposes, with only fair success. To-night many blocks may be blown up.

Chief of Police Dinan to-night said 250 would fully cover the number of dead. About fifty bodies have, thus far, been found. There was considerable shooting of looters to-day, but the offenders escaped with wounds.

AWFUL DESTRUCTION.

(Via Oakland.)—The magnitude of the calamity that has befallen San Francisco became apparent this morning, when a red sun arose above the horizon and dissipated the pall of darkness that hung over the stricken districts. Looking eastward from the heights in the central portion of the city, everything attested to the awful havoc wrought by earthquake and flame. Where once rose noble buildings now stand nothing but frail walls, tottering